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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: James M. Hannett
KATSUHITO SAKURAI ET AL.)
: Group Art Unit: 2612
Appln. No.: 09/449,679)
: Filed: November 24, 1999)
: For: SOLID-STATE IMAGE PICKUP)
: APPARATUS : February 23, 2004

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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action dated November 21, 2003, (February 21, 2004 being a Saturday) please amend the above-identified application as follows. The claim amendments are reflected in the listing that begins at page 2. The remarks begin at page 20.

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